I beg further to propose that the words "arms, ammunition or military stores" be inserted between the words "any" and "box" in line 6 of the second para. Every public carrier should, in my opinion, be required to give information to the Police not only of any box, package or bale containing arms &c. but also the unlawful transport of all arms &c., whether enclosed in boxes or not.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Section 26.

President.—In order that the provisions of the Arms Regulation may not be worked oppressively, I think it would be better to provide, as in the Public Canals and Public Ferries Regulation, that no prosecutions shall be started without the previous sanction of Government or of the District Magistrate.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that Section 26 be omitted and the following substituted therefor:—

"No prosecution under this Regulation shall be instituted without the previous sanction of Government or of the Magistrate of the District."

Seconded by Mr. Kuruvila.

Carried.

ion 27.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to propose that Section 27 be omitted. The provision that searches under the Section should be made only in the presence of an officer of Government is, in my opinion, cumbrous and unnecessary.

Seconded by Mr. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Section 30.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that Section 30 be omitted. It will be inexpedient to provide that notice should always be given before proceedings are instituted under the Regulation.

Seconded by Mr. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to propose that the Bill as now amended be published in the Gazette and read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council dispersed at 2-30 P. M. and met again at 3 P. M.

THE POLICE REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Sankara Menon.—I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Police Regulation, IV of 1056. The Report has been duly published in the Gazette and circulated among the members. I beg, therefore, that it be taken up for consideration at once.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Kuruvila.—My views on the important question before us have been already submitted for your sympathetic consideration at the introduction of the Bill. My official colleagues in the Select Committee have been apparently so overpowered by the virtue of firmness that they could not be impressed by my humble advocacy for certain modifications in the mere fringes of the Bill without affecting the soundness of its heart and body. My pleadings before them are embodied in my Memo attached to the Select Committee's Report. The Memo may be taken as read and I need not, I hope, occupy the Council's time by its repetition.

I cordially support the policy of equipping the Central Government with ample punitive powers as desired in the Bill, and I have no objection to the word 'Government' being substituted for the words 'District Magistrate' in any or all

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of my amendments, as the Bill itself makes the Government the sole revising authority over the District Magistrate's proceedings under the Bill. My difference of opinion from my colleagues is simply about the method and occasion of applying these powers. The only new principle that I wish to be adopted is the elementary but essential principle of human conduct that the local agents for setting the powers in motion be bound to exercise a limited extent of patience and discrimination before making use of these extraordinary powers. The preventive and protective aims actuating Government in taking these punitive powers will, I believe, be more efficiently attained than otherwise, if the exercise of these powers is preceded by a notice as contemplated in my amendments. Such a warning will further tend to rally even many of those who may have been morally seduced by scheming mischief-makers and to restore peace and order much more quickly than by an unexpected and sudden visitation of punishment. The other principle involved in my amendments is that the powers should be exercised only where a large number of the local inhabitants is concerned in the disturbance. I believe I need not make any remark in its defence, as I trust that all of us are agreed on that point. I therefore beg that the Council may be pleased to accept my amendments.

Seconded by Mr. Subramania Iyer.

Mr. Kuruvila's amendments were put to the vote and lost, the majority voting against them.

Mr. Sankara Menon.—I beg to propose that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE CIVIL COUTS BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, the Bill is now before the Council for final reading. I would however suggest, with the permission of the President, that a clause be added to Section 4 of the Bill, empowering Government to appoint Additional Judges in District Courts, whenever they deem it necessary to do so. I beg to propose, therefore, that a sub-section be inserted between the 1st and 2nd paras of Section 4 to the following effect:—

"The number of Judges in each District Court shall be fixed, and may, from time to time, be altered by Our Government. When there are more Judges than one, the business of the District Court shall be regulated by the High Court."

President.—I may mention here that the question of taking power to appoint Additional Judges to a District Court was considered at a former meeting. Then, the idea was that, for the sake of public convenience, the better policy would be to have separate Courts instead of more Judges in one Court. On subsequent consideration, it has occurred to me that it would be well to give Government the power, though to be used but rarely. Recently, Government had to appoint two Additional Judges in the Alleppey District Court in view to bring down the heavy arrears of that Court. It may be found necessary in future also to do the same thing in similar cases when temporary relief to a Court is all that may be required. I think, therefore, that we may accept the amendment proposed.

The amendment was carried *nem con.*

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg further to propose that the words "the 1st Chingom 1085" be inserted after the word "on" at the end of Section 1.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to propose that the Bill as now settled be passed.

Seconded by Mr. Sankara Menon.

Carried.

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